



CALENDAR of EVENTS

MAY

12 **Mother's Day**
Open 10:45 am serving until 10 pm

JUNE

16 **Father's Day**
Open 10:45 am serving until 10 pm

JULY

20 **Grilling School**
Includes lunch, begins at 9 am

AUGUST

24 **Adult History Tour with Nina**
Includes lunch, begins at 9 am

OCTOBER

07 **Wine Dinner**
Featuring Kendall Jackson Wine Makers,
begins at 6:30 pm

19 **Adult History Tour with Nina**
Includes lunch, begins at 9 am

NOVEMBER

09 **Christmas Decorations Tour with Nina**
Refreshments served, begins at 2 pm

NOTE:

Sign up for special events
online @ www.tasteoftexas.com

Updating our Mailing List

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What's COOKING

MOTHER'S DAY – Sunday, May 12

FATHER'S DAY – Sunday, June 16

We have incredible memories of our moms, Ann Hendee and Jean Johnson. It brings us great joy and a sense of legacy to retell stories and special family moments with our kids that our parents built into us all. Join us to celebrate Mother's Day at the Taste of Texas this year, honoring your Mom for her love and support of your family. We will open at 10:45 am and will serve continuously all day. All Moms will receive a complimentary rose and a family picture as our gift to her.

Bring Dad for lunch or dinner on Father's Day, June 16. We open again at 10:45 am. He will be presented with a "Top Chef" grilling apron and a family photo. Gather your family and honor Dad with a great steak dinner that he will remember.

Memories are crafted around special times and special meals. We look forward to helping you build those moments with us on Mother's Day and Father's Day this year.



Nina Hendee and her mother, Jean Johnson.

Special "Texas Experience" for OFFSHORE TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE Visitors

This is your **ONE STOP** Texas experience for OTC guests who want to enjoy a little "Taste of Texas!"

- Live Texas Longhorns with Souvenir Photos
- Live Cowboy Music
- On site Western Wear for sale
 - Shudde's Hats & Gifts
 - Cavender's Boots, Belts & Buckles
- * **No Reservations Necessary**

Join us Sunday May 5
through Wednesday May 8
from 6pm to 9pm nightly





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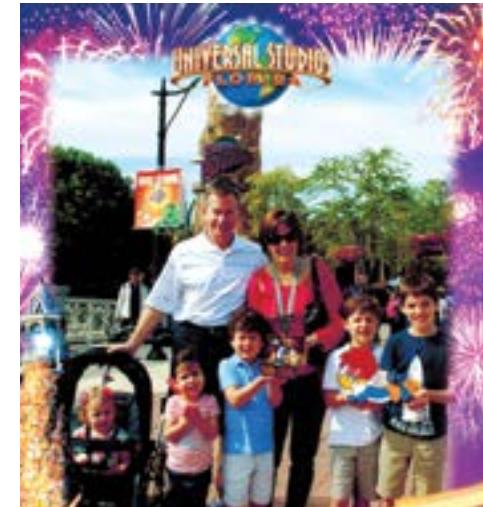
CAMPBELL

HUDSON

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FAMILY NEWS



Grandbaby #6 is on the way, and we are humbled by God's blessings on our family. Lisa and Chris Blackard are expecting a baby girl any day, and Hannah (2 years & 4 months) is very excited to be a big sister! They have finished the remodel of their house, and it is beautiful!

Kristin and Corbin Blackford have just celebrated their 2nd wedding anniversary, and they are looking forward to spending time in Houston this summer! They are finishing their school year with a work/study program overseas.

Claudine and David Hartland continue to be busy and blessed with the four children, and are about to celebrate their 1st wedding anniversary! Edd & David recently took the 3 boys to Father & Son Weekend at Camp Peniel for their second year.

In addition to being very busy with the restaurant, Edd has returned to the radio full time, and is thrilled to be back. He is on KSEV AM 700 "the Voice" from 6am-9am Monday through Friday. He is staying very fit, and is currently training (with son-in-law Chris Blackard) for the "Triple By-Pass", a 120 mile bike ride from Denver to Beaver Creek that has a 10,000 ft. elevation gain in one day!

Nina continues the almost daily field trips for area 4th graders through the Taste of Texas "museum" and never tires of sharing her love of our great state history. Her adult history tours have been very popular, and she is currently planning a Christmas Decorations tour on the second Saturday of November! She stays busy with daily restaurant activities, grandchildren, and is looking forward to a weeklong cycling trip to Ireland with Edd and friends Arlene and David Curry.

We are blessed with your continued friendship and love for our family, and we look forward to seeing what God will do in the years to come!

Customer PROFILE

Most weeks at "table 17" two frequent customers meet for lunch. Jack Havard and Robert Hawthorne are longtime friends of the 'Taste' family. From the front door to the kitchen, the words "Start the Chicken Salad" travel on our radios when Jack enters the restaurant. At 83 and 82 years young, Jack and Robert continue their long friendship that began at John Marshall Jr. High School. After attending Jeff Davis High School and college, Jack entered the Navy and Robert served in Korea in the Army. They share a love of God, friendship and country. Jack's ministry, "He Did It, Amen!" distributes bibles all over the world to pastors and people sharing God's love with others. These two men, both veterans & model senior Americans, are leaving their mark in the lives of others.



TEXAS TRIVIA

- 1 How many attendees are expected at the annual Offshore Technology Conference in Houston this year?
- 2 What was an empresario? What famous empresario was the "Father of Texas?"
- 3 Who ordered the town of San Felipe burned before Santa Ana's army arrived?
- 4 What is the boot-making capital of Texas?
- 5 What young debutante met her future husband and future President of the U.S. while visiting friends at Fort Sam Houston?
- 6 What 1,800 lb. bovine superstar (named bull of the year 3 times) is still considered "the world's most dangerous bull" even after his death?
- 7 What city is home to the Texas State Championship Domino Tournament?

1. 90,000 2. A land agent bringing American settlers to Mexican Texas beginning in 1821. Stephen F. Austin. 3. Sam Houston 4. El Paso – Home to Lucchese, J.B.Hill, Tony Lama (since 1911) & others 5. Mamie Eisenhower 6. Bodacious. Only 6 riders stayed on him for the required 8 seconds in 135 attempts. 7. Hallettsville

SAN FELIPE de AUSTIN State Historic Site

Just west of Houston, one of the most notable sites in Texas, San Felipe, bids visitors to remember shadows of its earliest days. There is a rich history here that marks the days of early Texas settlers and our most recognized heroes of the Republic of Texas. It was at San Felipe that Stephen F. Austin succeeded his father, Moses Austin, as empresario to the Mexican government. He brought colonists to settle the territory from present-day Navasota and La Grange to the Gulf of Mexico, and Austin established San Felipe de Austin as the colony's capital in 1823. It was a most diverse community of cultures. Later it was here the early people of Texas carved out their journey of independence from Mexico. Residents of the colony included Gail Borden, Jr., founder of the Borden Milk Company, and William Barrett Travis. Santa Ana and Texas hero, Sam Houston, are among those who commanded their armies through this memorable landmark. The Friends of San Felipe de Austin are now working on building a visitor's center and museum to preserve this most important historical and archaeological site of our state. This is a great family drive from Houston to visit. Go to www.visitsanfelipedeaustin.com for more information.



STAFF UPDATES

Waiter Clayton Giraudin left the Taste to pursue a career job in Dallas. Clayton is 23 years old, but when he was a baby, Edd, carried him around the restaurant so his parents could have a quiet dinner.



Before he left, Edd picked him up one last time, and he weighs a little bit more now! Good luck Clayton, and thanks for being part of the family.

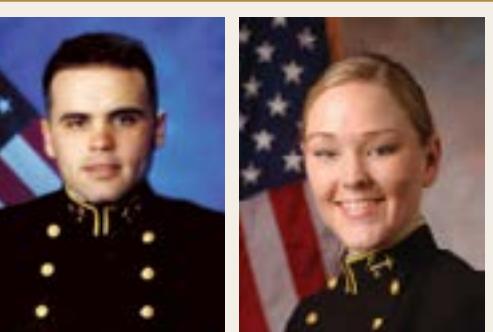
Congratulations to Waitress **Samantha Meli** on the birth of baby girl, Diana, born March 19.

Geoffrey Plumb completed his degree in Hotel Restaurant Management. He will be joining Pappas Bros. management staff, All our best to you.

Wait staff members **Amanda Butler** & **David Combs** have announced their engagement and have July wedding plans.

Robbie Robertson and his wife are expecting a baby girl in July.

Lemuel Restauro participated in the "Tough Mudder" endurance event in Austin for the 3rd year. **Cindy Le** and **Mimi Tesson** are the first female staff members to participate. Congratulations to you all, and thank you for helping raise funds for our Wounded Warriors.



Pictured above from top left, Edd Hendee, Ashley Musser and Mimi & Barry Sternlicht



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TASTE OF TEXAS RECEIVES HONORS



This past April, the Taste of Texas was awarded Best of CitySearch 2013 Best Steak in Houston! This award is so meaningful to us because the award is voted on by the people of greater Houston area.

Also in April, the Taste of Texas was honored for 25 years of featuring Kendall-Jackson Wines. Winemaker Randy Ullom and Master Sommelier, Larry O'Brien presented Nina & Edd with a commemorative brick to be used in the Winery's new Welcome Center in Sonoma County CA. They chose the Taste of Texas

because it is one of the top Kendall Jackson sellers in the nation.

US Attorney Kenneth Magidson recognized the Taste of Texas, Nina and Edd Hendee and daughter Lisa Blackard for dedication, commitment and generosity in support of the victims of human trafficking and for their participation in the anti-trafficking movement. This award was given through the Human Trafficking Rescue Alliance in the Southern District of Texas.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Please check our website for details and register online at www.tasteoftexas.com

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Thank you for supporting our Special Events at the Taste. The Grilling Schools & History Tours are Fun with a Purpose! All proceeds go toward our Staff Scholarship Fund. The staff thanks you for your support!

August 24 & October 19

Adult Texas History Tour with Nina: Join Nina for a fun morning of Texas History like you have never heard it before. Lunch is included. Cost is \$20 per person

July 20

Grilling School: We'll learn about USDA grading, trim specifications, the aging process and how to grill a perfect steak every time. This is a wonderful Father's Day gift for the steak lovers and "grillers" in your life. Cost is \$65 per person and includes Steak lunch.

October 7

Wine Dinner featuring Kendall Jackson Wine Makers: Join us for another amazing 5 course dinner and wine pairing. Cost is \$149.95 per person includes tax and gratuity. Space is limited.

November 9

Christmas Decorations Tour with Nina: Have you ever wondered where some of the restaurant's Christmas decorations came from or what the story is behind them? Nina will give a Christmas tour and talk about her favorite Christmas collections and more. Refreshments will be served. Cost is \$15 per person. Space is limited.